

GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE

CREEL SURVEY

2025 PROGRESS REPORT



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Introduction:

Fish populations can fluctuate due to a variety of factors, including natural variables like climate, reproductive success, predators, and competition. Human activities such as fish harvesting, stocking, habitat change, and the introduction of invasive species can also have significant impacts. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) regularly conducts fishery surveys on lakes and reservoirs to gather the information needed to monitor changes, identify concerns, evaluate past management actions, and prescribe fishery management strategies. Surveys are also used to gather data on the status of fish populations and communities, measuring parameters such as species composition, population size, reproductive success, size and age distributions, growth rates, and angler harvest.

Creel surveys are performed to gain insight into recreational angling perceptions, efforts, and harvests to inform future decision-making. Creel surveys are a valuable tool for fisheries managers to use in understanding the systems they manage and how the public interacts with them. A creel survey is an assessment tool used to sample the fishing activities of anglers on a body of water to make estimates of harvest and other fishery parameters.

Data is collected on what species are fished for, catch, harvest, lengths of fish caught, marks (fin clips or tags), and hours of fishing effort. Collecting completed trip data provides the most accurate assessment of angling activities, and it avoids the need to disturb anglers while they are fishing.

The data collected are estimates based on the best information available and not a complete accounting for effort, catch, and harvest. Accurate estimates require a sufficient and representative portion of the angling activity on a lake. The accuracy of creel survey results depends on good cooperation and truthful responses by anglers when data is collected.

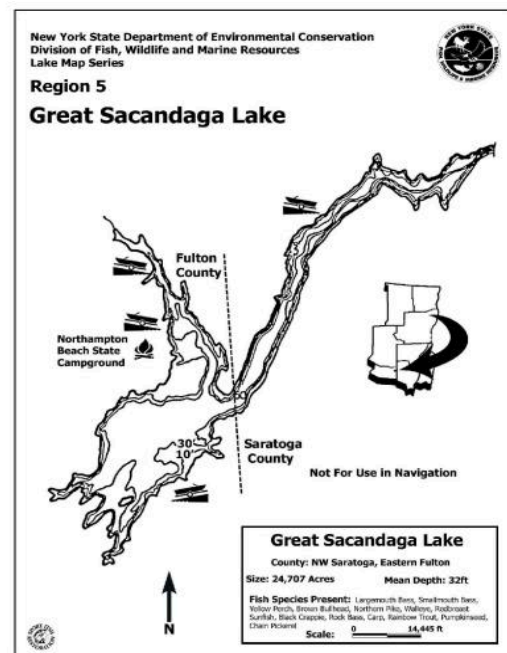
The data collected for this report were obtained and analyzed by members of the Broadalbin-Perth High School Science Research course. Fishing trips were conducted by the research class, the Broadalbin-Perth Fishing Club, and Aaron's Guide Service, LLC, in the southern basin of the Great Sacandaga Lake, as well as portions of the Northville area. *Since the data collected was limited to these three groups, this report is considered a modified version of a complete creel survey and merely a progress report of the Great Sacandaga Lake fishery.*

The Great Sacandaga Lake Information:

The Great Sacandaga Lake (GSL) is 29.2 miles long and encompasses parts of Fulton and Saratoga County, New York. It was created as a reservoir in

1930 following the completion of the Conklingville Dam. The damming of the Sacandaga River has provided flood control and flow augmentation in the Hudson Valley and provides many recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. The lake is one of the largest in the Adirondack region, and because of its size, there are many different types of fish to meet any angler's desire. The Hudson River-Black River Regulating District manages the lake with shorelines of private and public access, including residential homes, boat launches, restaurants, marinas, campgrounds, and beaches. It is classified as a meso-oligotrophic lake, meaning it has relatively intermediate productivity due to low to moderate nutrient levels. The Great Sacandaga Lake is considered a two-story fishery, capable of supporting warm-water species like bass and cold-water species such as trout.

Map of the Great Sacandaga Lake:



NYS Fishing Regulations:

The following fishing seasons, daily bag limits, and length limits were in place on the Great Sacandaga Lake during the 2025 fishing season:

Species	Season	Bag Limit	Min. Size
Smallmouth Bass	June 15 - Nov. 30	5	12"
Walleye	May 1 - Mar. 15	5	15"
Northern Pike	May 1 - Mar. 15	5	18"
Panfish	All Year	None	None
Perch	All Year	50	None

Seasons Surveyed:

The open-water creel survey period referred to in this report ran from May 14, 2025, through October 21, 2025. Three seasons were fished and subsequently surveyed: spring 2025, summer 2025, and fall 2025.

Census Days:

The survey effort was divided into three seasonal periods: late spring (afternoon and evening trips), summer (morning and afternoon trips), and early to mid-fall (afternoon and evening trips). Trips and the amount of time fished were adjusted throughout the creel survey to account for changing weather and sunset times.

General Angler Information:

Anglers spent 179.40 hours or 60 trips fishing on the Great Sacandaga Lake during the 2025 season. July was the most heavily fished month (59.55 hours), and fishing effort was lightest in October (7.50 hours).

Creel Survey Methods:

A creel survey was conducted on the Great Sacandaga Lake from May 14 to October 21, 2025. The survey was designed to estimate the angling effort, catch, and harvest of fish on the Great Sacandaga Lake during the spring, summer, and fall boating seasons. The survey consisted of boat angler counts via trips taken by the Broadalbin-Perth Fishing Club, the Broadalbin-Perth Science Research Class, and guided angler trips with Aaron's Guide Service, LLC. The following data points were collected:

1. Total effort (days and hours)
2. Total catch, harvest, and release
3. Catch rates
4. Species targeted
5. Method of fishing
6. Fish lengths

Fish Species in the Great Sacandaga Lake:

The Great Sacandaga Lake is home to over 20 fish species, including Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Brown Bullhead, Northern Pike, White Sucker, Redbreast Sunfish, Pumpkinseed, Bluegill, Rock Bass, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Channel Catfish, Chain Pickerel, Common Carp, Black Crappie, and Walleye.

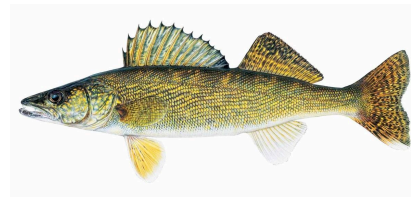
The following fish were caught and recorded during the 2025 modified creel survey:

Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)



Smallmouth bass are found in lakes and rivers throughout New York. Young smallmouth bass feed upon aquatic insect larvae such as mayflies and dragonflies. As bass grow larger, they begin to feed increasingly upon other fish and crayfish. Smallmouth bass are uniquely suited for feeding upon crayfish, which provide an energy source not generally available to other fish predators. Smallmouth bass are usually found along lake shorelines, even during summer when they can tolerate warm nearshore water temperatures. Larger smallmouth bass are generally found in association with underwater "structures" such as large boulders, submerged trees, or underwater vegetation. These habitats provide smallmouth bass with a place where they can ambush prey, as well as a place to hide from predators.

Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)



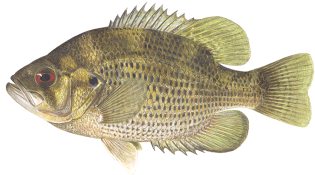
Walleyes are widely distributed in New York State in suitable habitat. They are found in approximately 75 lakes and many large rivers. Walleyes are the largest members of the perch family, sometimes reaching a length of over two feet and a weight approaching 12 pounds. Their diet is primarily other fish. Walleyes prefer large lakes with considerable areas of deep water and large rivers, with cold to moderately warm water temperatures the most favourable. As the surface water approaches 72°F, they slowly retreat to deeper and cooler waters. The walleye is considered by some to be the state's top sport fish, and most agree it is the best-tasting food fish.

Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*)



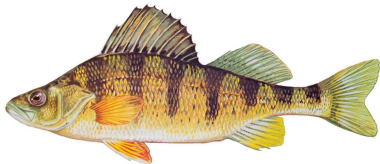
Northern pike inhabit most waters in New York. These fish prefer large rivers and medium to large lakes. They are loners, hunting in weedy or log-strewn shallows. Adult northern pike feed almost exclusively on fish, with just about any fish (including young pike) being potential prey. They are not selective in their feeding habits, supplementing their fish diet with aquatic insects, leeches, crayfish, frogs, snakes, small muskrats, and ducklings. The northern pike is one of the most rapidly growing fish, averaging 2-4 pounds and two feet long. These fish often reach the 20-pound class.

Rock Bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*)



Rock bass are present in most areas of New York except in the uniformly cold, high-altitude lakes of the Adirondacks. They prefer large lakes with rocky bottoms and streams with sluggish or moderate currents. They often are found in the same habitats as smallmouth bass. Rock bass are usually 6-8 inches in length. They sometimes reach lengths of 10-12 inches and weigh one pound or more. They are classified as panfish. Rock bass were the only panfish caught during the survey.

Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)



The yellow perch is the most widely distributed member of the perch family and is common throughout New York. The favourite habitat of yellow perch is a weedy, warm-water lake. Schools of young perch feed on zooplankton. Young perch are slow swimmers, and the schools provide abundant forage for most predatory fish. Larger yellow perch become important competitors with more highly valued sport fishes in some lakes. Although the yellow perch is not a fierce fighter when hooked, it is a popular panfish and good to eat. Perch seldom reach large sizes, the average being a 1/4 to 3/4-pound fish of 6-10 inches. Easily caught on natural bait, flies, and small spinners, they are often the mainstay of ice fishermen using jigs and small minnows.

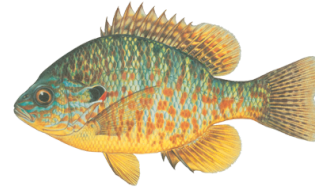
White Perch (*Morone americana*)



White perch are small, silvery-grey fish with a dark, highly domed back and a whitish belly. They belong to the temperate bass family and are identified by their lack of distinct horizontal stripes (unlike white bass) and a deep notch in their dorsal fin. Key characteristics include large scales, spiny fins, and a

slightly projecting lower jaw. Despite their low numbers, white perch are considered invasive in the Great Sacandaga Lake and competitors to other, more desirable panfish.

Pumpkinseed Sunfish (*Lepomis gibbosus*)



Sunfish (bluegills & pumpkinseeds) can be found around all types of structure, including weeds, rocks, brush, docks, and overhanging branches. Smaller sunfish form large schools and will bite quickly. Larger sunfish (8-10") usually are loners or may form small groups. They tend to be deeper than the smaller ones and are a little more finicky. A good rule of thumb is that if you do not get a bite in 5 to 10 minutes, move to another area. Many baits and lures are used to catch sunfish. Live baits, such as crickets, grasshoppers, earthworms, grubs, and waxworms, work very well. These baits can be threaded onto a #8 or #10 hook and fished just over or next to structure. Small spinners, flies, poppers, and jigs are all good choices for catching larger sunfish. Jigs and live bait can be fished slowly under a bobber over weeds or under overhanging limbs. Fishing slowly is the key to catching sunfish. They generally bite better in the morning and evening, but they can be enticed to bite all day long.

Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)



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Brown Bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*)



Bullheads, unlike most other panfish, are bottom feeders and are generally not associated with structure. Spring and summer are prime seasons for bullheads. The best way to catch bullheads is to use doughballs, nightcrawlers, or chicken livers on a #4 or #6 hook fished on the bottom. Best fishing tends to be in the evening or at night. There are three basic techniques used for bottom fishing. If the bullheads are close to shore or in shallow water, just add a couple of split shots to the line. Another set-up involves tying the sinker on the bottom and the hook 8" - 12" above the sinker. The third way is the slip sinker method shown on the front cover.

Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*)



The brown trout is found in a wide variety of New York waters, from brooks and rivers to large lakes and reservoirs. Most common in coldwater streams where they seldom reach lengths greater than 20 inches. Throughout their lives, brown trout feed on the larval and adult forms of aquatic and terrestrial insects. Larger brown trout feed extensively on other fish.

Great Sacandaga Lake Baitfish Survey:

Surveyors walked the shoreline along the east shore with nets to collect minnow species. A total of two species were caught and identified: Tessellated Darter and Mimic Shiner. Both species were previously documented in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Great Sacandaga Lake fish database.

Tessellated Darter (*Etheostoma olmstedii*)



The tessellated darter has a slender, olive-colored body that is two to four inches long. Its sides are irregularly marked with eight or more X- or Y-shaped blotches. The tessellated darter occurs in both flowing and standing waters, but it shows a preference for quieter areas, except during the breeding season. The diet of the tessellated darter is dominated by small crustaceans and small insects, while gradually shifting to larger insects as the fish get bigger.

Mimic shiner (*Notropis volucellus*)



Mimic shiners are slender and compressed laterally. The snout is broad and rounded, and barely overhangs the small, slightly upturned mouth. They have a dark pigment around the vent and base of the anal fin. Mimic shiners live in lakes and the quieter parts of streams, often around vegetation. Small invertebrates, zooplankton, and algae are the most frequent food items.

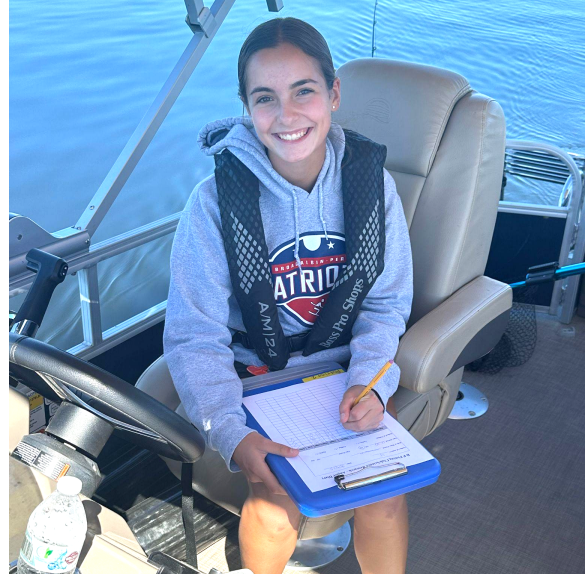
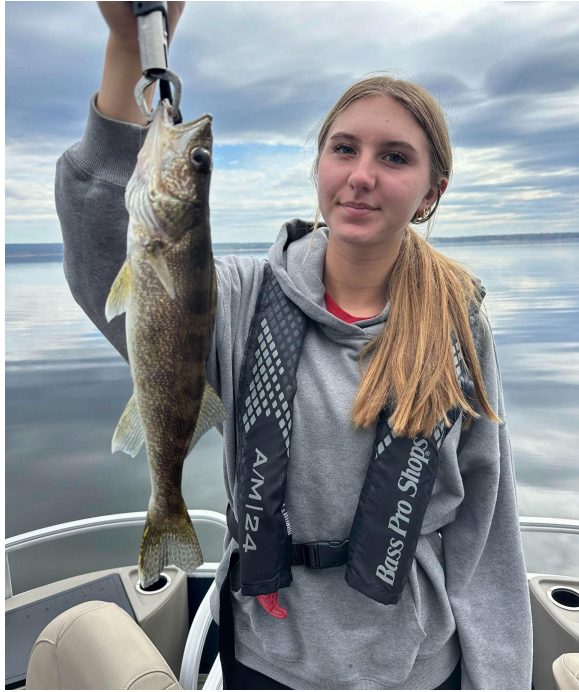
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Survey Photos:



Students in the Broadalbin-Perth Science Research class catch, measure, and record fish for the 2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey Progress Report.

Table 1. Overall Data Summary for 2025 Creel Survey

CATEGORY	DATA
Fishing Season (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)	Spring
Total # of Angling Trips	11
Total # of Angling Hours	23.60
Average # of Angling Hours per Trip	2.15
Total # of Fish Caught	406
Average # of Fish Caught per Trip	36.91
Total # of Fish Harvested	0
Total # of Fish Released	411
Total # Bass Caught	400
Total # of Walleye Caught	5
Total # of Pike Caught	0
Total # of Perch Caught	0
Total # of Panfish Caught	5
Total # of Brown Trout Caught	1

CATEGORY	DATA
Fishing Season (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)	Summer
Total # of Angling Trips	39
Total # of Angling Hours	137.80
Average # of Angling Hours per Trip	3.53
Total # of Fish Caught	315
Average # of Fish Caught per Trip	8.10
Total # of Fish Harvested	47
Total # of Fish Released	315
Total # Bass Caught	111
Total # of Walleye Caught	144
Total # of Pike Caught	4
Total # of Perch Caught	42
Total # of Panfish Caught	14
Total # of Brown Trout Caught	0

CATEGORY	TOTALS
Fishing Season (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)	Fall
Total # of Angling Trips	10
Total # of Angling Hours	18.00
Average # of Angling Hours per Trip	1.80
Total # of Fish Caught	45
Average # of Fish Caught per Trip	4.50
Total # of Fish Harvested	0
Total # of Fish Released	46
Total # Bass Caught	5
Total # of Walleye Caught	35
Total # of Pike Caught	2
Total # of Perch Caught	4
Total # of Panfish Caught	0
Total # of Brown Trout Caught	0

Table 1. Overall Data Summary for 2025 Creel Survey (continued)

CATEGORY	TOTALS
Fishing Season (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)	Total
Total # of Angling Trips	60
Total # of Angling Hours	179.40
Average # of Angling Hours per Trip	2.99
Total # of Fish Caught	772
Average # of Fish Caught per Trip	12.80
Total # of Fish Harvested	47
Total # of Fish Released	722
Total # Bass Caught	516
Total # of Walleye Caught	184
Total # of Pike Caught	6
Total # of Perch Caught	46
Total # of Panfish Caught	19
Total # of Brown Trout Caught	1

Angling Hours per Month:

- May - 23.60 hours*
- June - 21.00 hours*
- July - 59.55 hours*
- August - 57.25 hours*
- September - 10.50 hours*
- October - 7.50 hours*

Table 2. Number (#) of Hours Fishing and Trips per Month

Month	# of Trips	# of Hours
January	0	0.00
February	0	0.00
March	0	0.00
April	0	0.00
May	11	23.60
June	7	21.00
July	18	59.55
August	14	57.25
September	6	10.50
October	4	7.50
November	0	0.00
December	0	0.00
TOTAL	60	179.40

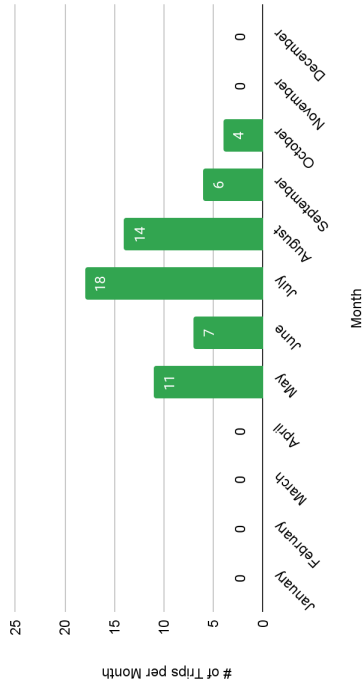
Table 3. Number (#) and Percent (%) of Fish Caught per Fishing Method Used

Method	# Fish Caught	% Fish Caught
Casting	543	70%
Trolling	60	8%
Jigging	170	22%
TOTAL	772	100%

Table 4. Total Number (#) and Percent (%) Fish Caught During the 2025 Creel Survey

Fish Species	Total # of Fish	% Fish
Smallmouth Bass	516	66.8%
Walleye	184	23.8%
Perch	46	5.9%
Pike	6	0.8%
Panfish	19	2.5%
Brown Trout	1	0.1%
Total	772	100%

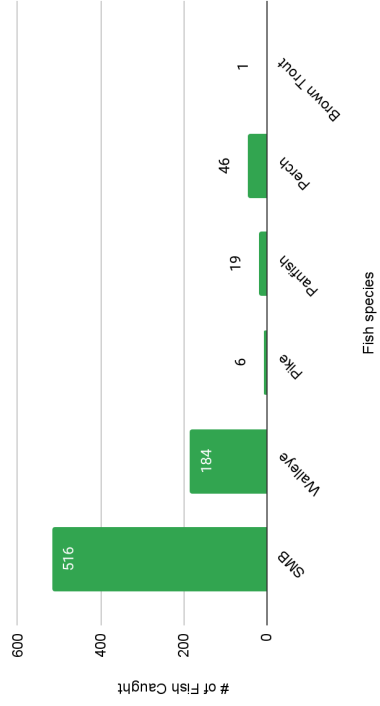
2025 Fishing Trips by Month



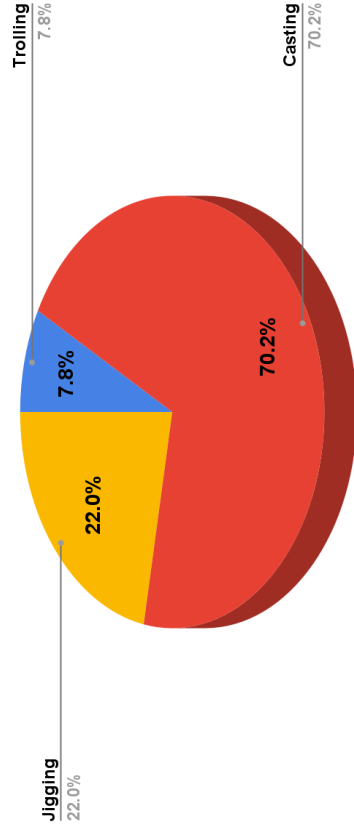
of Hours Fishing per Month



2025 Creel Survey: Total Fish Caught and Recorded



2025 Creel Survey: Percent (%) Method of Fishing



2025 Creel Survey: Percent (%) of Fish Species Caught

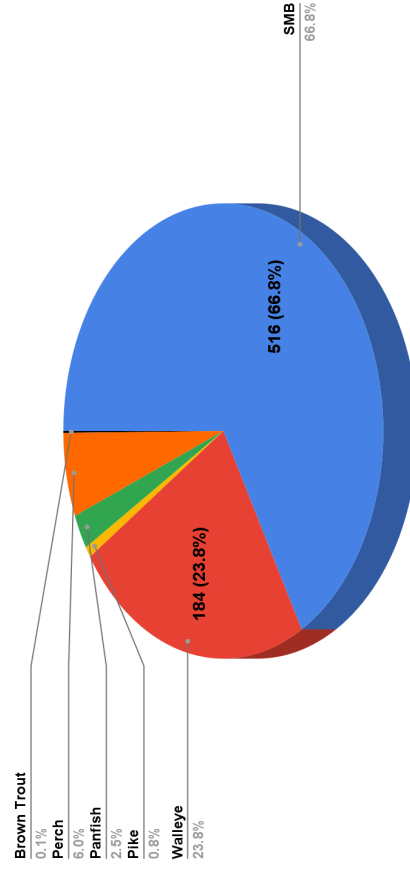


Table 5. Total # of Measured Panfish Species Caught During the 2025 Creel Survey

Fish Species	Total # of Fish	% Fish
Bluegill	2	1%
Pumpkinseed	6	3%
Rock Bass	53	28%
Brown Bullhead	1	1%
Yellow Perch	127	66%
White Perch	2	1%
Total	191	100%



A panfish is a term for various small, edible freshwater fish that are abundant, easy to catch, and small enough to fit whole into a frying pan, making them popular for recreational anglers and home cooking. Common panfish in New York State include: Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Rock Bass, and Brown Bullhead.

**Based on the number of perch that were caught during the survey, we have elected to put them in their own category on the data charts and graphs.*

Table 6. Total # of Unmeasured Fish Caught During Summer 2025

Fish Species	Total # of Fish	% Fish
Smallmouth Bass	10	7%
Perch	82	56%
Walleye	12	8%
Panfish	43	29%
Pike	0	0%
Trout	0	0%
Total	147	100%



**Unmeasured fish were caught during the summer months by clients with Aaron's Guide Service.*

Figure 1. Length Distribution (inches) per Species - 2025 Totals

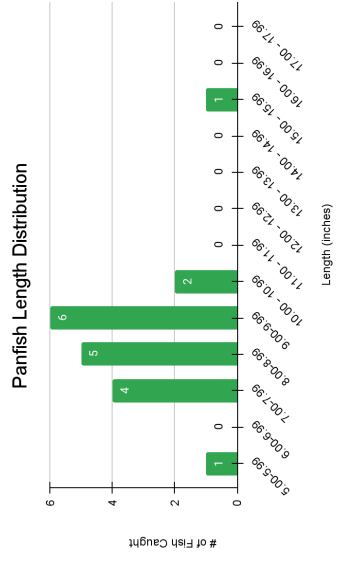
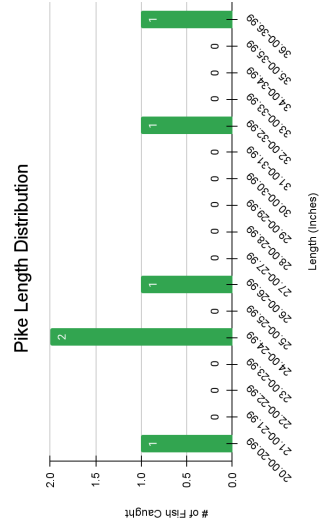
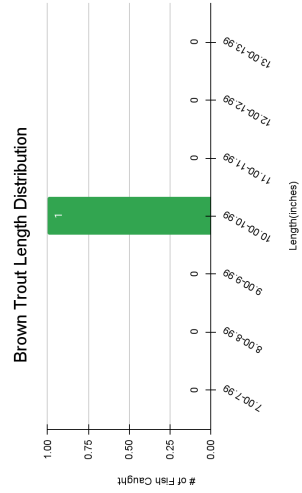
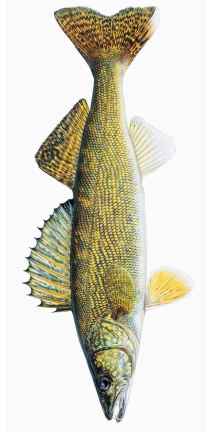
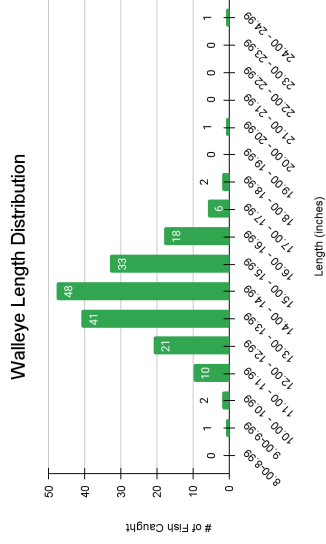
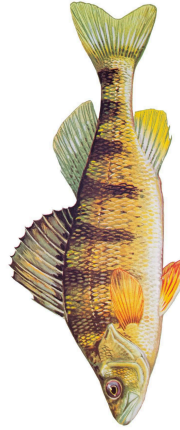
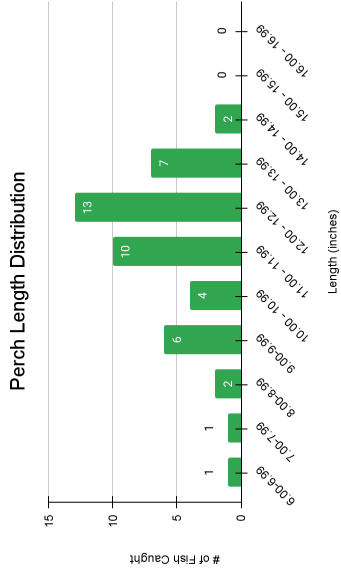
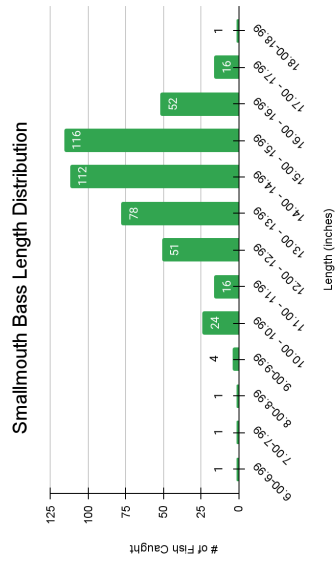
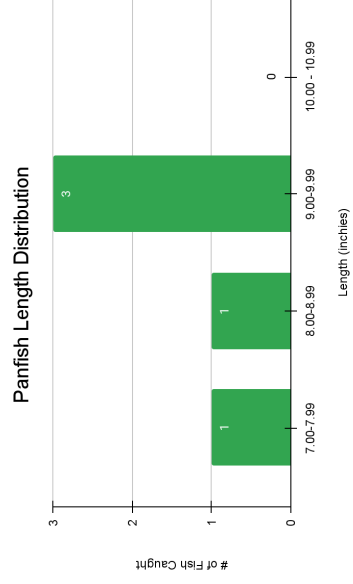
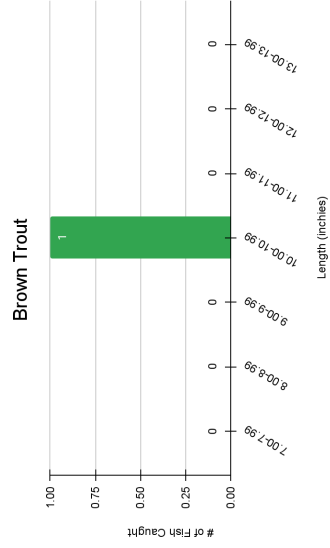
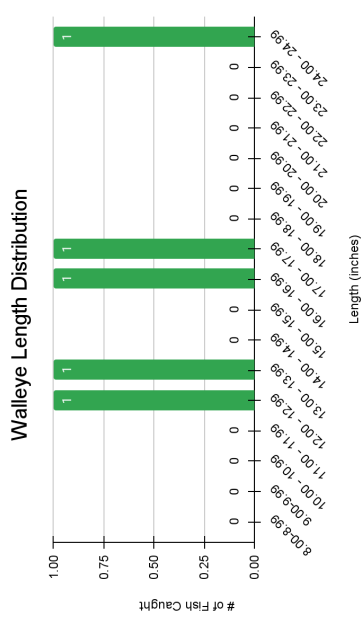
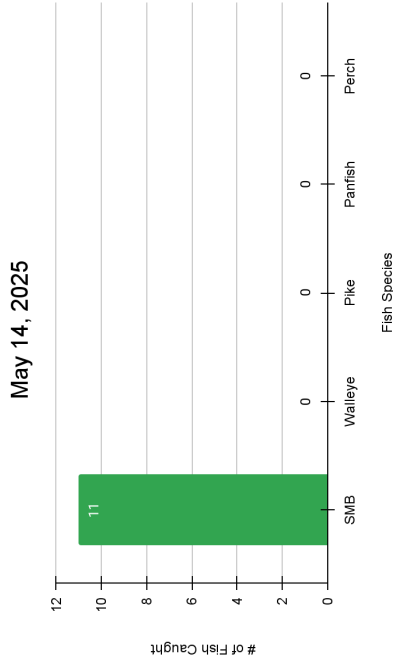


Figure 2. Length Distribution (inches) per Species - Spring 2025



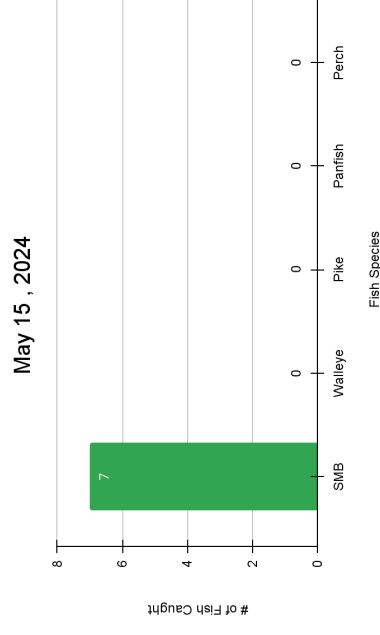
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 14 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	1.75
# of fishermen	6
# of total fish caught	11
# of fish caught per hour (average)	6.29
# of total fish caught casting	11
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	11
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	11
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.70" (13.00"-18.00")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



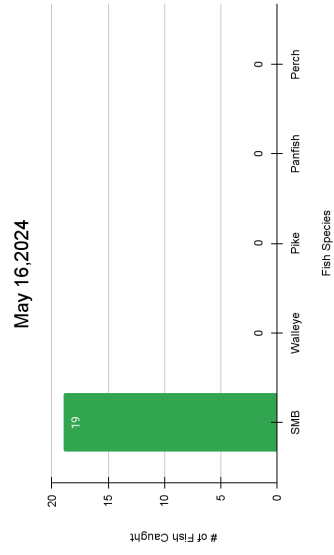
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 15 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	7
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.5
# of total fish caught casting	7
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	7
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	7
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.46" (12.50"-16.50")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
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# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



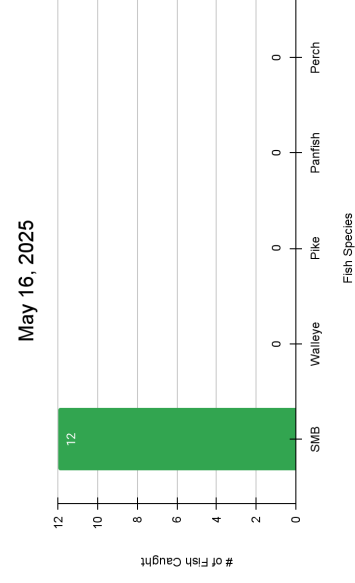
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 16, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	1.45
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	19
# of fish caught per hour (average)	10.86
# of total fish caught casting	19
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	19
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	19
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.67" (12.00"-16.25")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
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# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



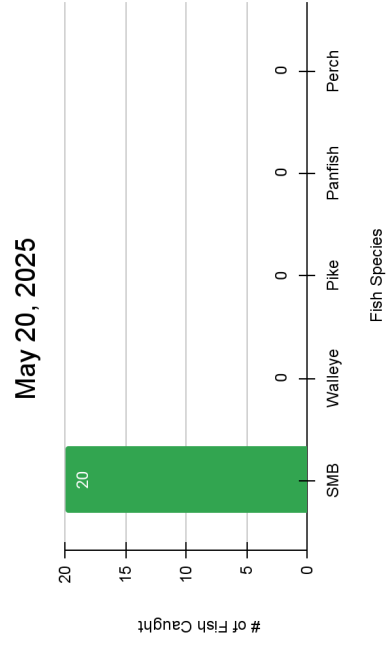
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 16, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	2.15
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	12
# of fish caught per hour (average)	5.58
# of total fish caught casting	12
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	12
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	12
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.64" (10.75"-16.50")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
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# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



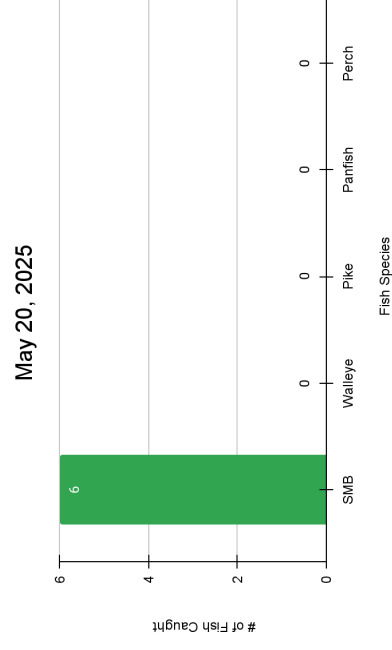
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Date	May 20 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	1.75
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	20
# of fish caught per hour (average)	4
# of total fish caught casting	20
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	20
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	20
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.38" (10.00"-16.50")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
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# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



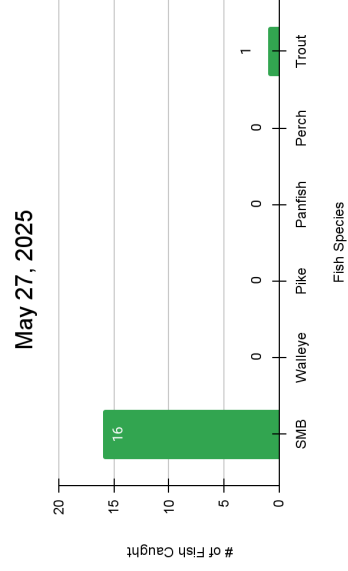
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 20 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.15
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	2.79
# of total fish caught casting	6
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	6
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.58" (12.00"-15.75")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



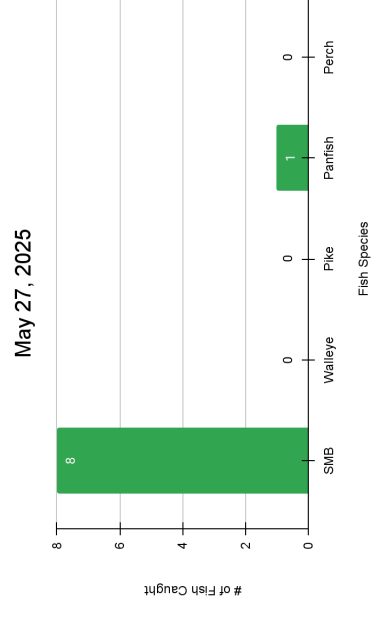
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Date	May 27, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	17
# of fish caught per hour (average)	8
# of total fish caught casting	16
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	16
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	16
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.50" (10.00"-16.25")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A
# of brown trout caught	1
Average size & range of brown trout	10.00"



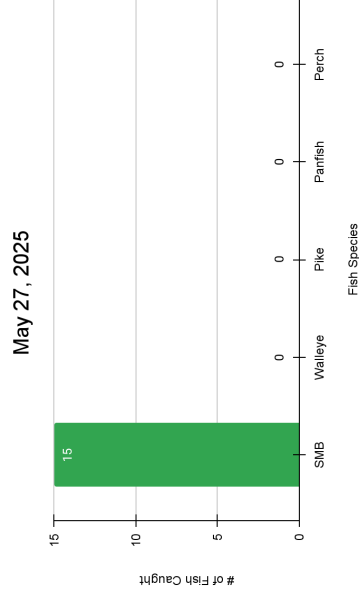
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Date	May 27, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	1.45
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	9
# of fish caught per hour (average)	6.2
# of total fish caught casting	8
# of total fish caught trolling	1
# of total fish released	9
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	8
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.50" (9.50"-15.50")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	9.50"



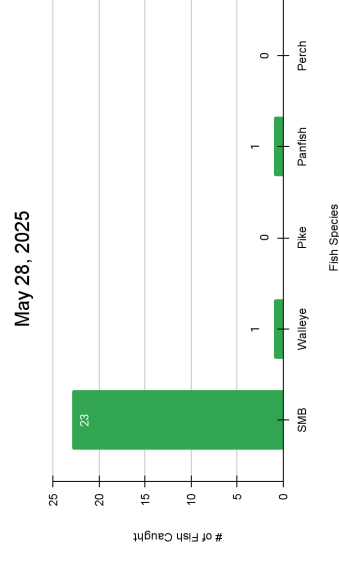
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 27, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.25
# of fishermen	6
# of total fish caught	15
# of fish caught per hour (average)	6.6
# of total fish caught casting	15
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	15
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	15
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.00"(11.00"-16.25")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



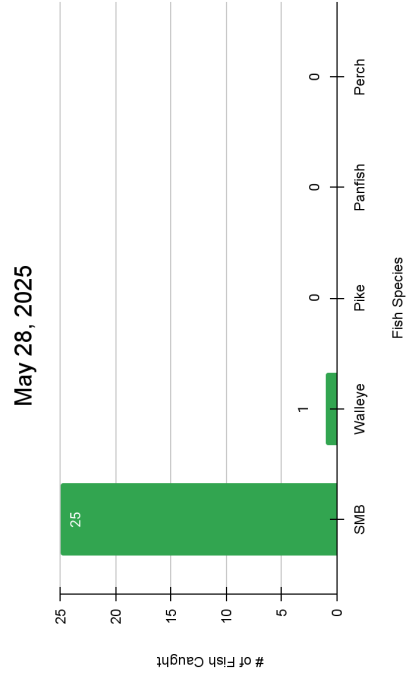
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Date	May 28, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	3.15
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	25
# of fish caught per hour (average)	7.94
# of total fish caught casting	21
# of total fish caught trolling	4
# of total fish released	25
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	23
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.86" (11.25" -17.00")
#of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	16.75"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	7.50"



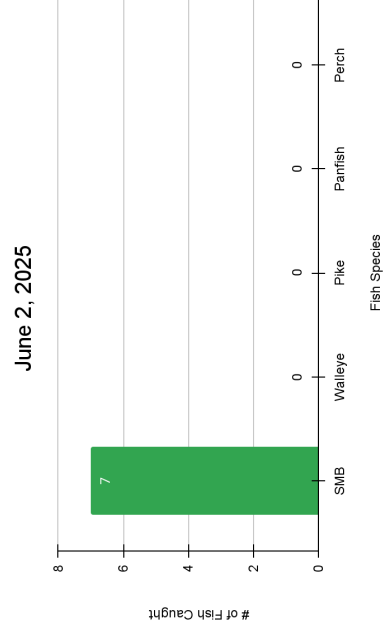
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	May 28 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	3.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	26
# of fish caught per hour (average)	7.42
# of total fish caught casting	20
# of total fish caught trolling	6
# of total fish released	26
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	25
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.75"(8.00"-16.50")
#of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	24.00"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



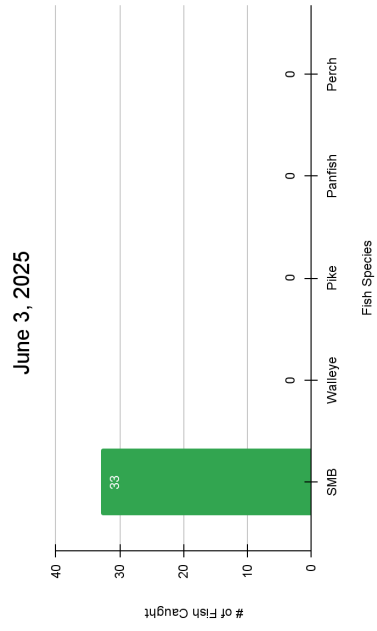
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Date	June 2 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	7
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.5
# of total fish caught casting	7
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	7
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	7
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.82" (15.75"-13.00")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



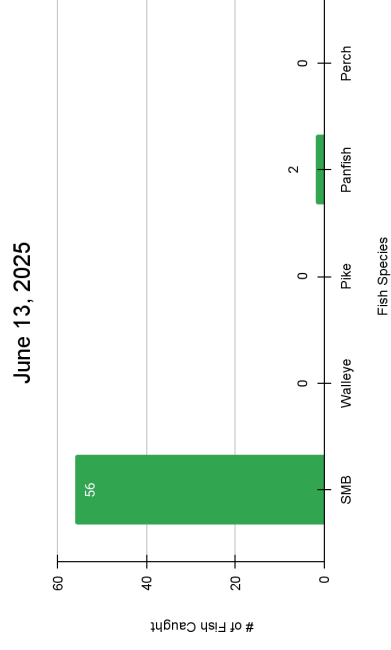
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	June 3, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	3.75
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	33
# of fish caught per hour (average)	8.8
# of total fish caught casting	33
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	33
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	33
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.30" (10.00"-17.25")
# of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



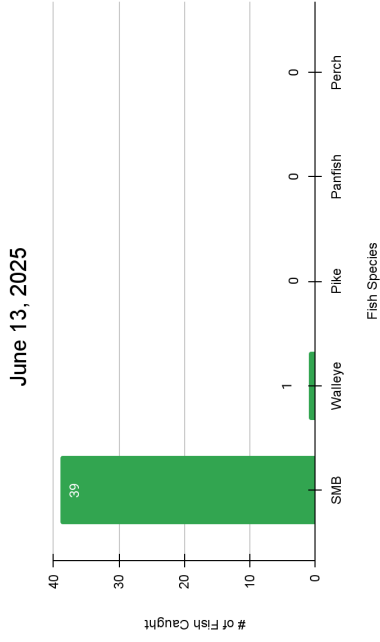
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	June 13, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	3.75
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	58
# of fish caught per hour (average)	15.47
# of total fish caught casting	58
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	58
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	56
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.19" (9.75"-17.00")
# of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	2
Average size & range of panfish	8.89" (8.00-9.75")



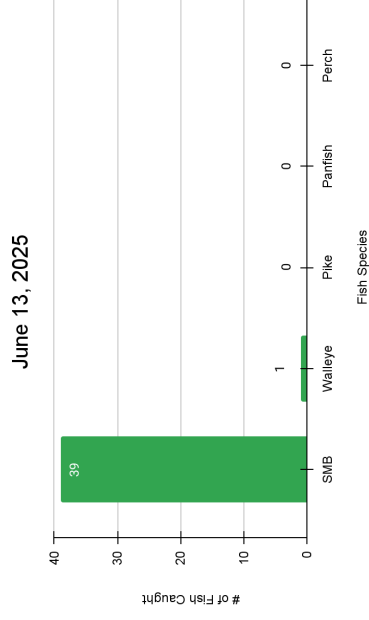
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	June 13, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	3.75
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	40
# of fish caught per hour (average)	10.67
# of total fish caught casting	40
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	40
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	39
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.10"(9.50"-17.50")
#of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	17.50"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



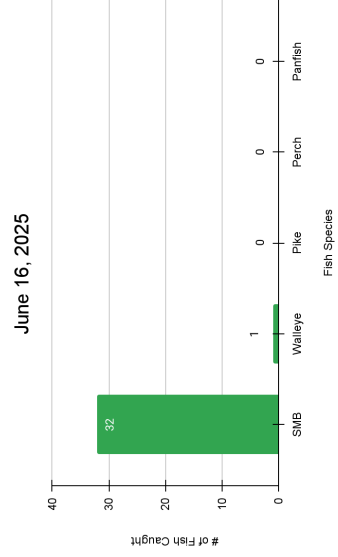
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	June 16, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	6
# of total fish caught	51
# of fish caught per hour (average)	25.5
# of total fish caught casting	51
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	51
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	50
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.46"(10.25"-17.00")
#of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	13.25"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	June 16, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	4.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	33
# of fish caught per hour (average)	8.25
# of total fish caught casting	33
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	33
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	32
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.88" (12.25"-17.25")
#of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	15.25"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	June 16 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	1.75
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	17
# of fish caught per hour (average)	9.71
# of total fish caught casting	17
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	17
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	16
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.78" (13.50"-16.75")
#of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	9.50"

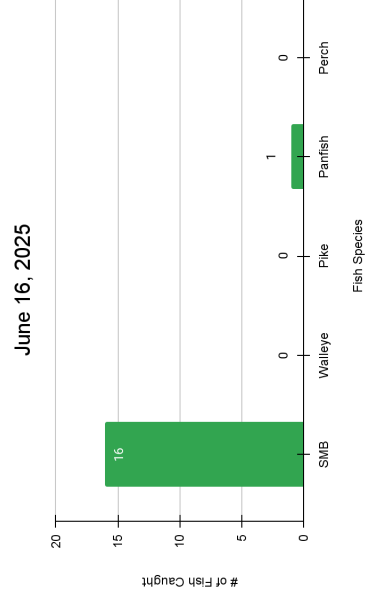
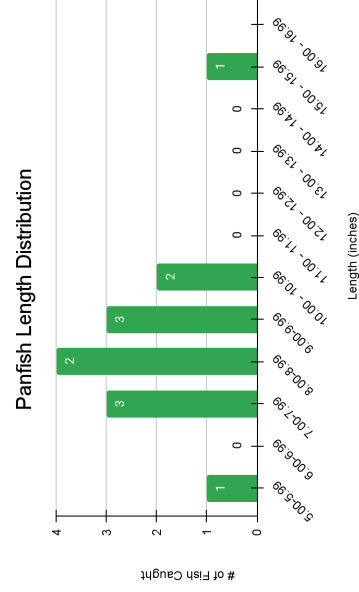
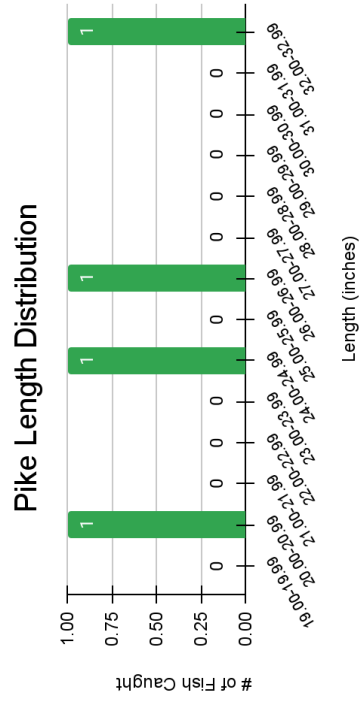
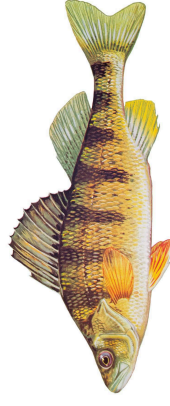
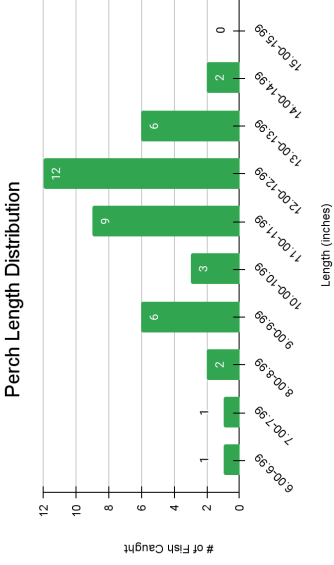
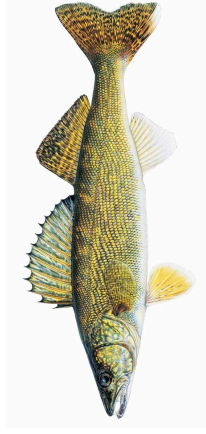
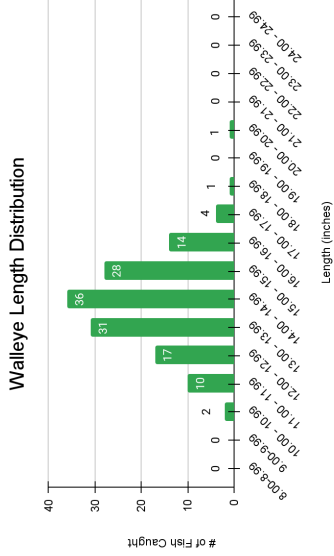
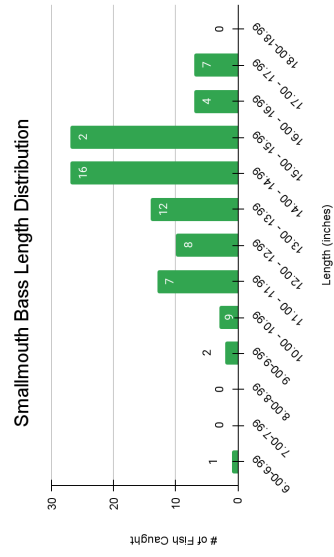
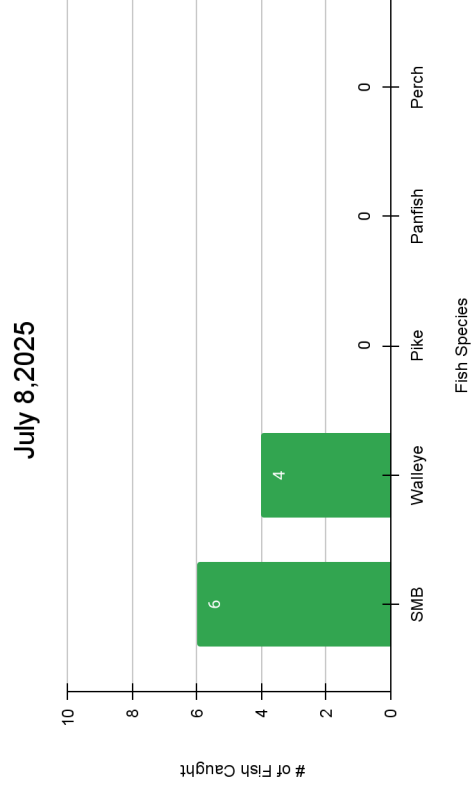


Figure 3. Length Distribution (inches) per Species - Summer 2025



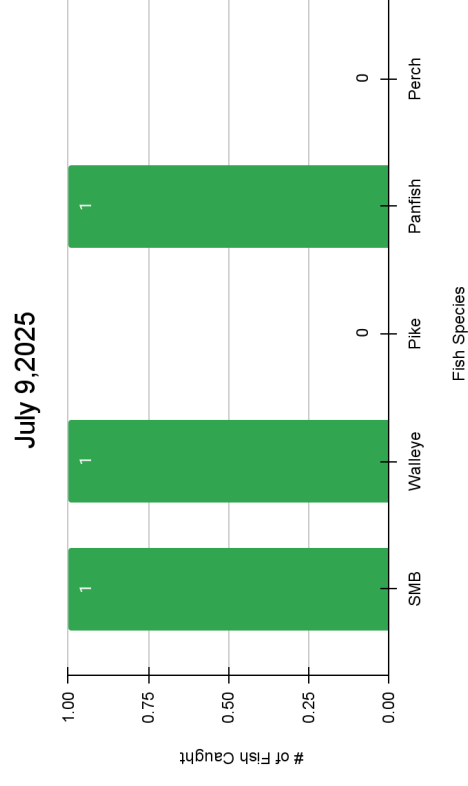
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 8, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	10
# of fish caught per hour (average)	4.00
# of total fish caught casting	6
# of total fish caught trolling	4
# of total fish released	10
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	6
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.625" (12.50-15.75")
# of walleye caught	4
Average size & range of walleye	14.19" (13.75-15.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



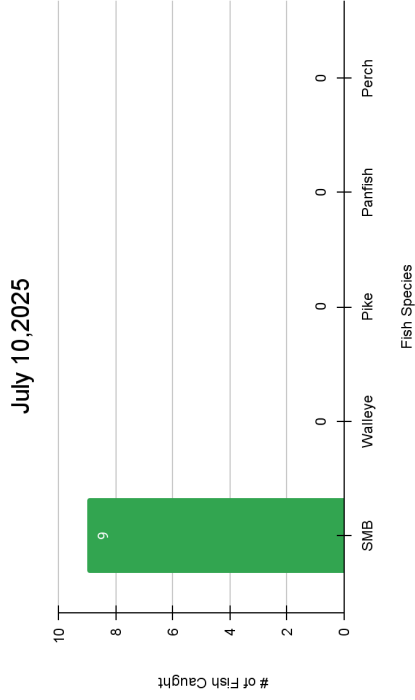
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 9, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	3
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.20
# of total fish caught casting	2
# of total fish caught trolling	1
# of total fish released	3
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	15.50"
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	15.50"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	1
Average size & range of panfish	10.00"



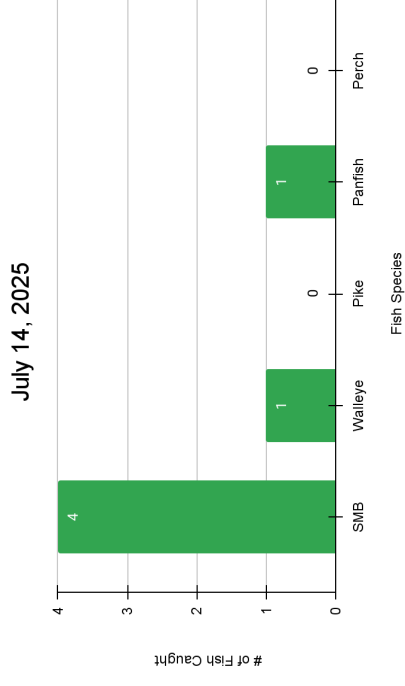
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 10, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	2.75
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	9
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.27
# of total fish caught casting	9
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	9
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	9
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.75" (10.75-17.75")
# of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



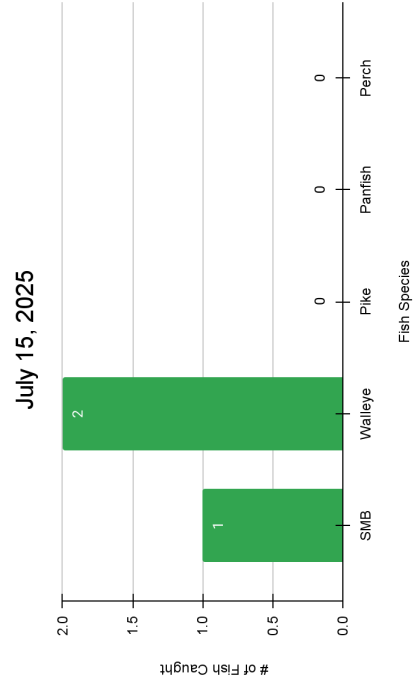
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 14, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.50
# of total fish caught casting	6
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	4
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.75" (11.50-17.50")
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	15.50"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	1
Average size & range of panfish	10.00"



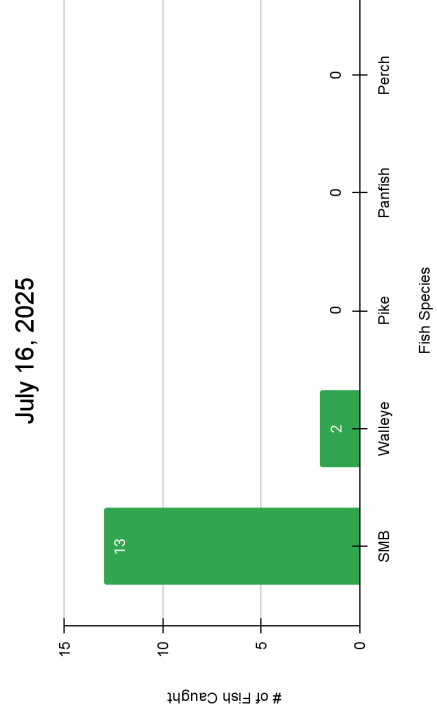
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 15, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	5
# of total fish caught	3
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.20
# of total fish caught casting	3
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	3
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.50"
# of walleye caught	2
Average size & range of walleye	14.88"(13.75-16.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



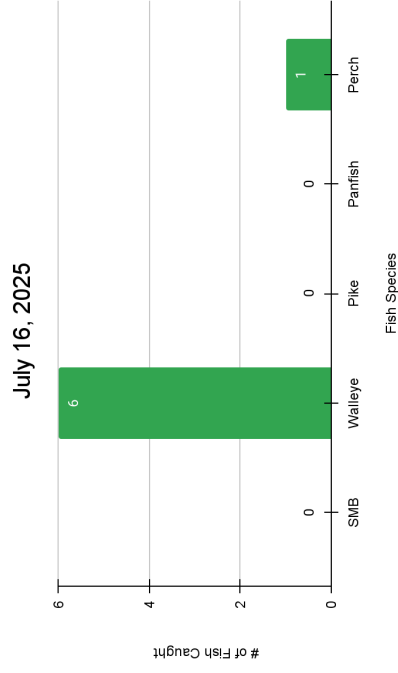
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 16, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	15
# of fish caught per hour (average)	5.00
# of total fish caught casting	15
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	15
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	13
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.00"(9.75-17.00")
# of walleye caught	2
Average size & range of walleye	15.50"(14.50-16.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



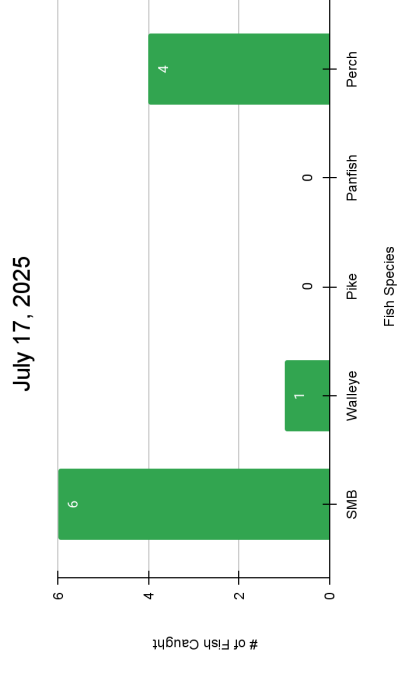
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 16, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	4.50
# of fishermen	2
# of total fish caught	7
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.60
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	7
# of total fish released	7
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	6
Average size & range of walleye	13.17" (11.00-15.50")
# of pike caught	0
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# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	12.50"
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



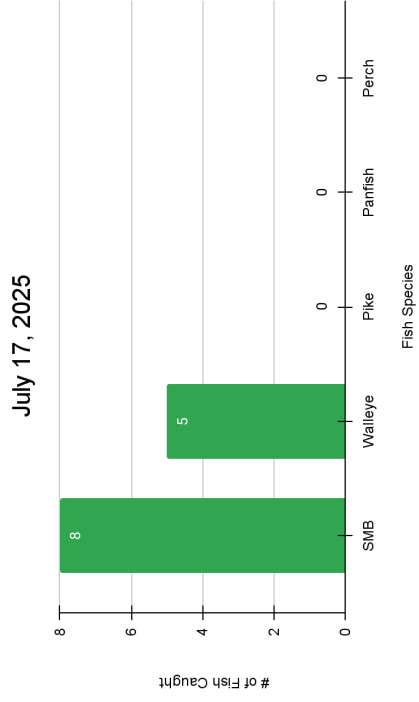
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 17, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	11
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.67
# of total fish caught casting	11
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	11
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	6
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.00" (11.25-15.50")
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	11.25"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	4
Average size & range of perch *	12.56" (11.00-14.50")
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



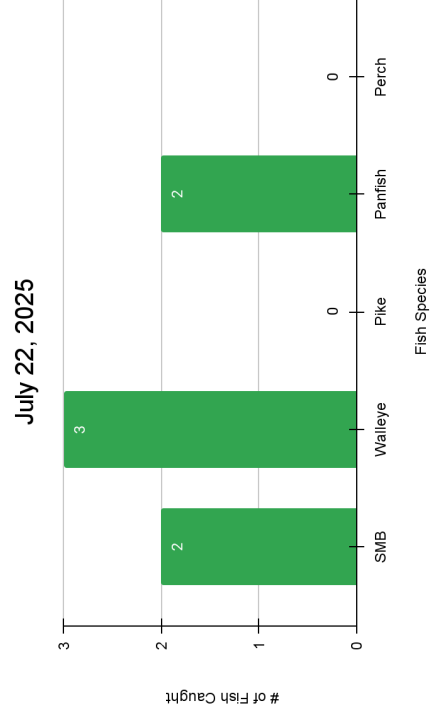
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 17, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	1
# of total fish caught	13
# of fish caught per hour (average)	6.30
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	13
# of total fish released	13
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	8
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.94" (12.00-17.00")
# of walleye caught	5
Average size & range of walleye	13.95" (12.00-15.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
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# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



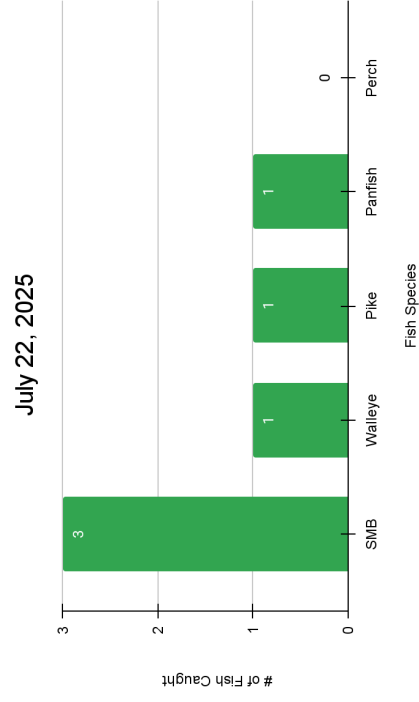
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 22, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	4.50
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	7
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.56
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	7
# of total fish released	5
# of total fish kept	2
# of bass caught	2
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.25" (11.50-15.00")
# of walleye caught	3
Average size & range of walleye	12.67" (12.00-13.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	2
Average size & range of panfish	11.50" (8.00-15.00")



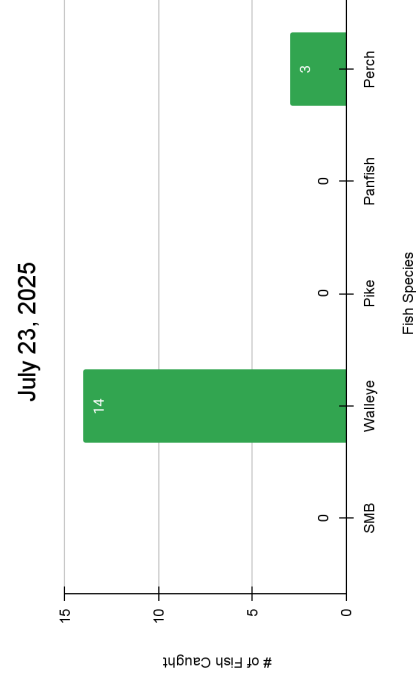
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 22, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	2.00
# of total fish caught casting	6
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	3
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.08" (12.00-14.00")
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	14.00"
# of pike caught	1
Average size & range of pike	24.50"
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	1
Average size & range of panfish	9.50"



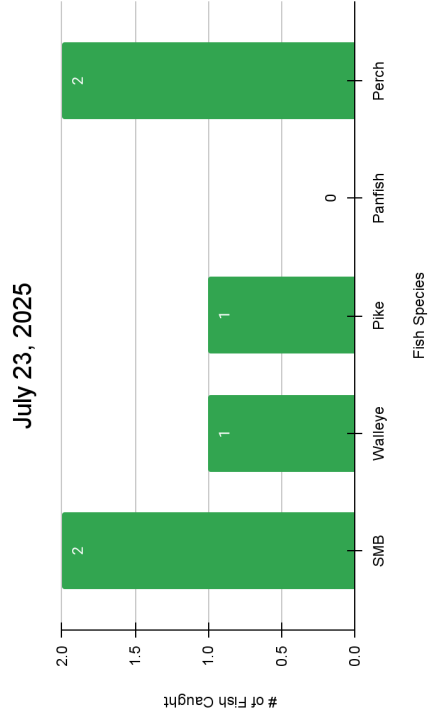
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 23, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	1
# of total fish caught	17
# of fish caught per hour (average)	7.00
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	17
# of total fish released	17
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	14
Average size & range of walleye	11.00" (11.00-16.50)
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	3
Average size & range of perch	8.33" (8.00-9.00")
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



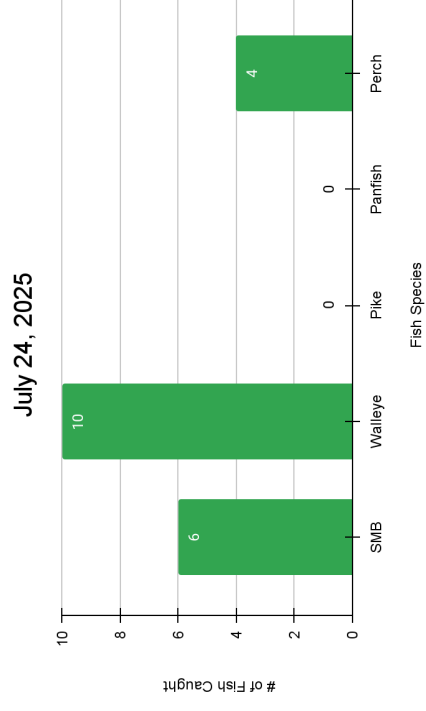
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 23, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.50
# of total fish caught casting	6
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	2
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.50" (12.00-15.00")
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	14.50"
# of pike caught	1
Average size & range of pike	20.50"
# of perch caught	2
Average size & range of perch	10.50" (10.00-11.00")
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



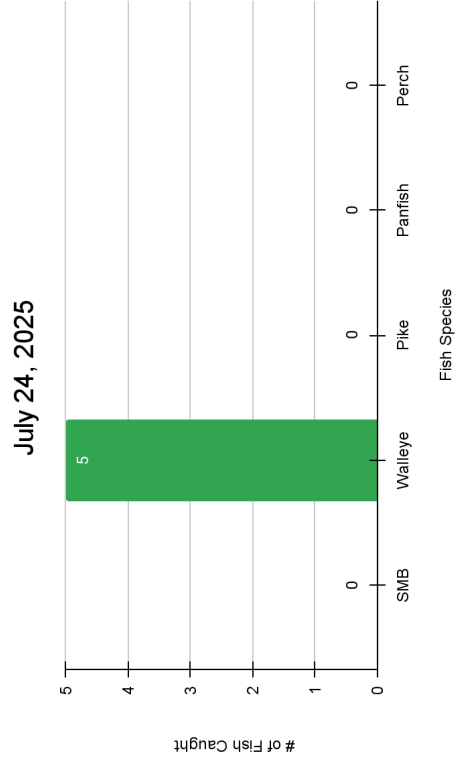
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 24, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	5.50
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	20
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.64
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	20
# of total fish released	12
# of total fish kept	8
# of bass caught	6
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.17" (12.00-16.00")
# of walleye caught	10
Average size & range of walleye	13.93" (11.00-16.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	4
Average size & range of perch	11.50" (11.00-12.00")
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



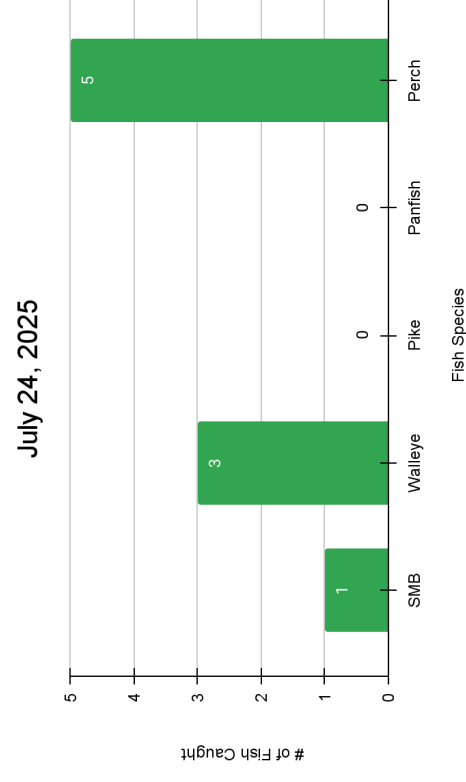
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 24, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	5.50
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	5
# of fish caught per hour (average)	0.91
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	5
# of total fish released	5
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	5
Average size & range of walleye	11.00" (10.00-12.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



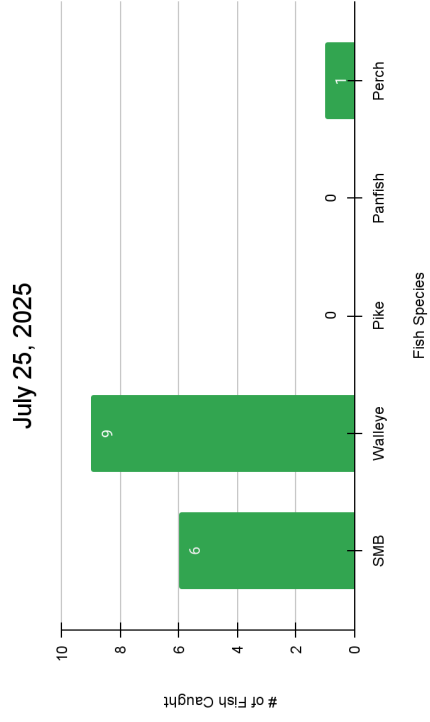
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 24, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	9
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.75
# of total fish caught casting	9
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	9
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.00"
# of walleye caught	3
Average size & range of walleye	14.75" (13.25-16.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	5
Average size & range of perch *	12.45" (11.75-14.75")
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



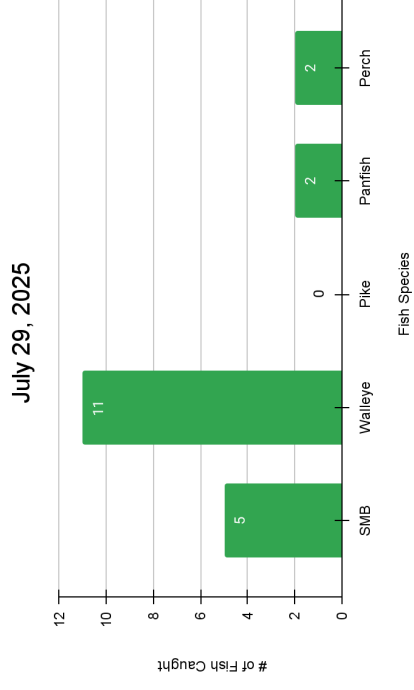
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	July 25, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	4.00
# of fishermen	2
# of total fish caught	16
# of fish caught per hour (average)	4.00
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	16
# of total fish released	10
# of total fish kept	6
# of bass caught	6
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.33" (11.00-16.00")
# of walleye caught	9
Average size & range of walleye	14.72" (13.00-17.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	7.00"
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



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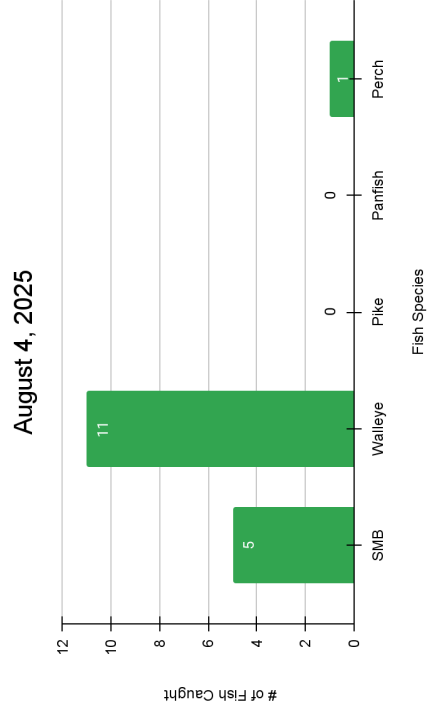
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Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	4.00
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	20
# of fish caught per hour (average)	5.00
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	20
# of total fish released	20
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	5
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	12.30" (6.00-16.50")
# of walleye caught	11
Average size & range of walleye	14.36" (13.00-15.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	2
Average size & range of perch	9.50" (9.00-10.00")
# of panfish caught	2
Average size & range of panfish	8.50" (8.00-9.00")



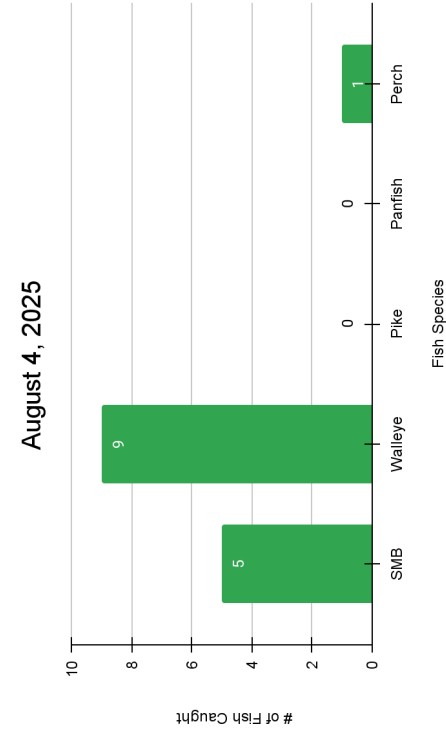
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Date	August 4, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	4.50
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	17
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.82
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	17
# of total fish released	12
# of total fish kept	5
# of bass caught	5
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	11.58" (12.00-15.75")
# of walleye caught	11
Average size & range of walleye	14.43" (12.50-17.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	12.50"
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



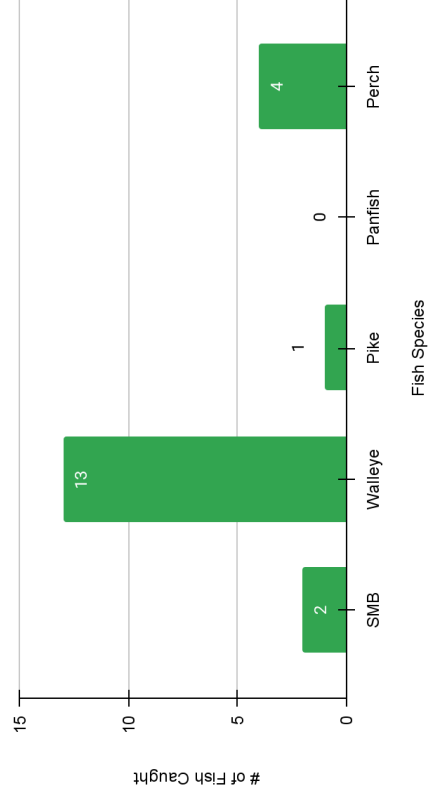
Date	August 4, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	4.50
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	15
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.37
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	15
# of total fish released	11
# of total fish kept	4
# of bass caught	5
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.90" (12.00-15.75")
# of walleye caught	9
Average size & range of walleye	14.36" (12.50-17.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	12.50"
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 4, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	6.00
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	20
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.30
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	20
# of total fish released	12
# of total fish kept	8
# of bass caught	2
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.75" (13.50-14:00")
# of walleye caught	13
Average size & range of walleye	13.69" (11.00-15.50")
# of pike caught	1
Average size & range of pike	26.00"
# of perch caught	4
Average size & range of perch	11.50" (9.00-13.00")
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A

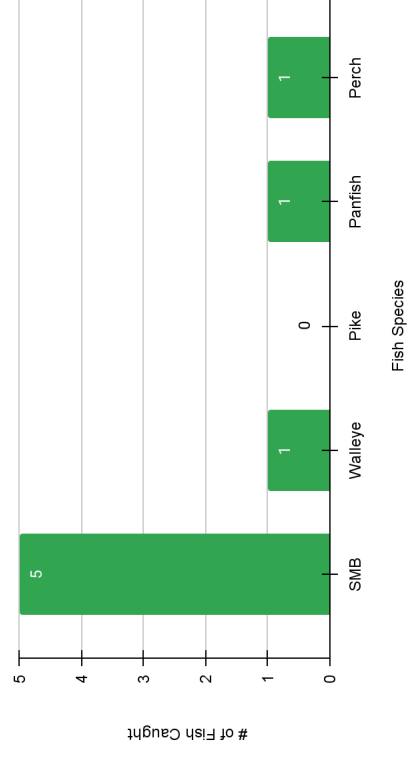
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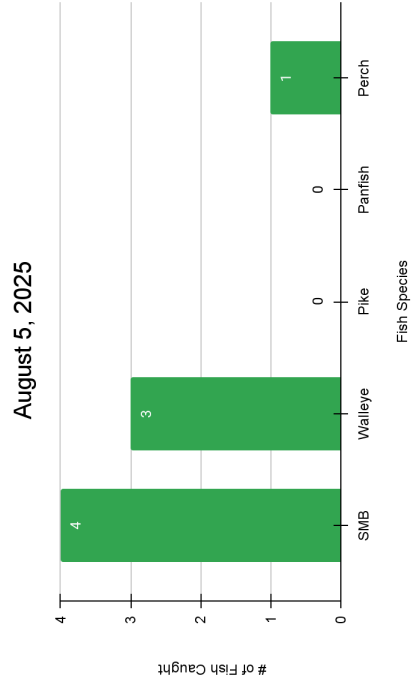
Date	August 4, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	8
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.20
# of total fish caught casting	8
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	8
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	5
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.90" (11.50-15.50")
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	14.00"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	13.50"
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	7.50"

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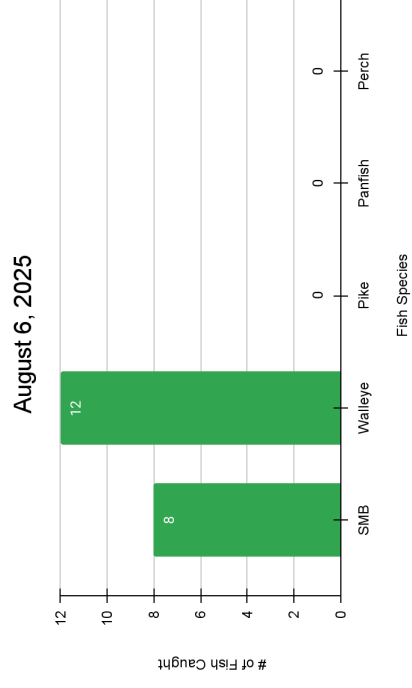
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 5, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	3:00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	8
# of fish caught per hour (average)	2.00
# of total fish caught casting	8
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	7
# of total fish kept	1
# of bass caught	4
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	12.38" (10.50-14.50")
# of walleye caught	3
Average size & range of walleye	15.33" (14.00-16.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	13.00"
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



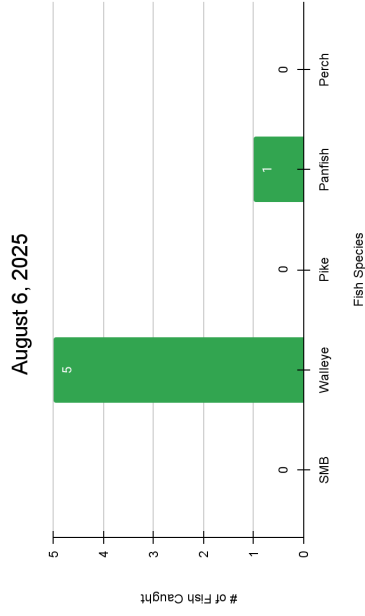
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 6, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	14:00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	20
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.43
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	20
# of total fish released	17
# of total fish kept	3
# of bass caught	8
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.56" (11.00-17.00")
# of walleye caught	12
Average size & range of walleye	13.75" (10.00-18.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



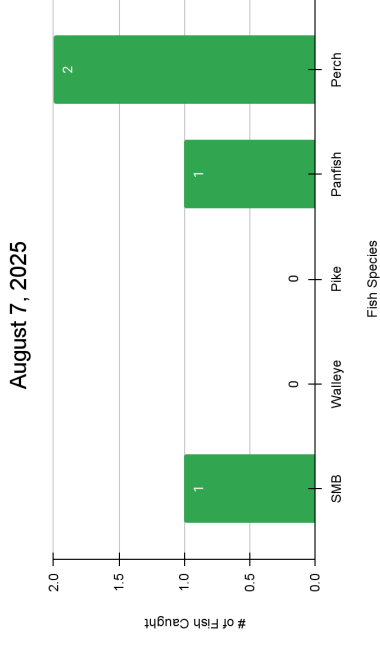
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 6, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	2.44
# of total fish caught casting	6
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	5
Average size & range of walleye	14.80"(13.50-16.25")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	9.50"



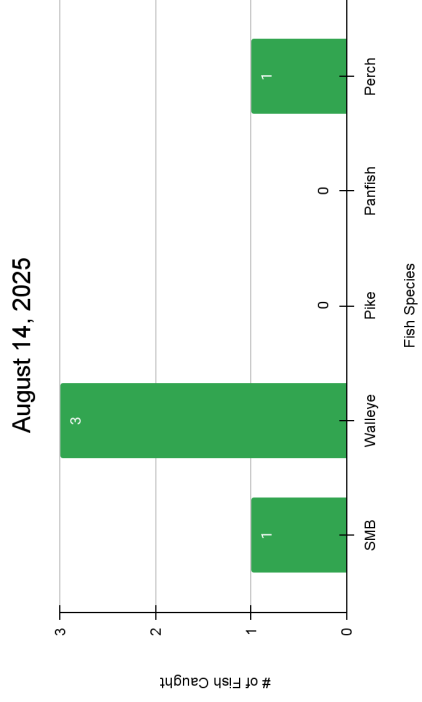
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 7, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	4
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.30
# of total fish caught casting	4
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	4
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.50"
# of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	2
Average size & range of perch	12.50"(11.50-13.50")
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	8.75"



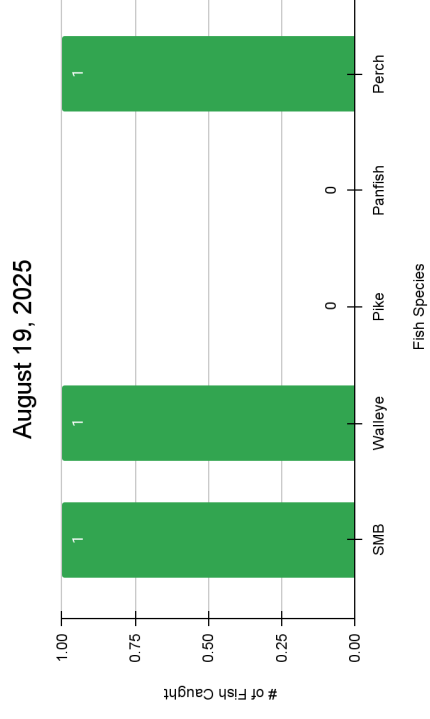
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 14, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	4.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	5
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.25
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught jigging	5
# of total fish released	3
# of total fish kept	2
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	15.50"
# of walleye caught	3
Average size & range of walleye	15.50" (13.50-17.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	12.00"
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



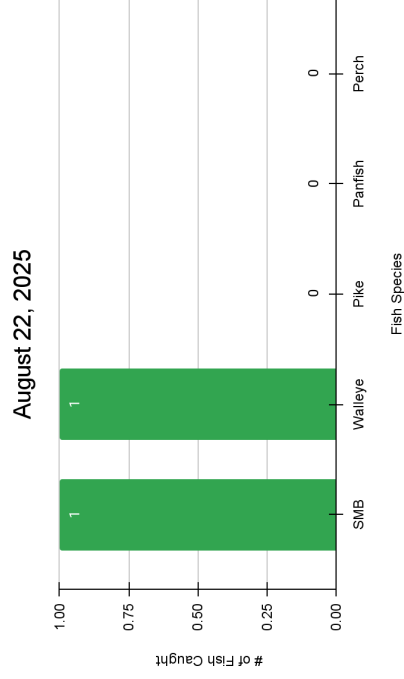
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 19, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	2
# of fish caught per hour (average)	0.82
# of total fish caught casting	2
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	2
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	14.50"
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	11.25"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch *	11.25"
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



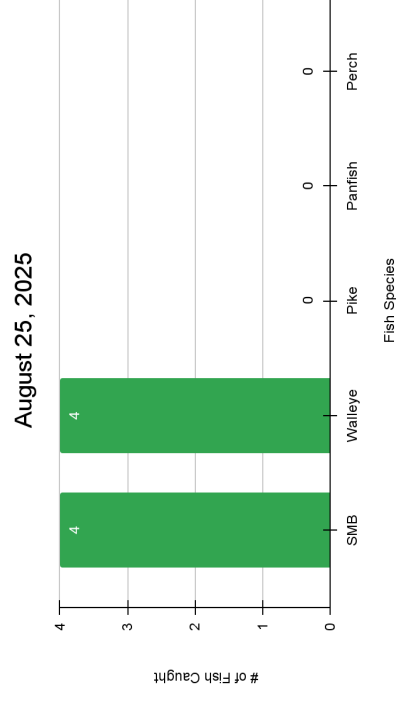
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 22, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	2
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.60
# of total fish caught casting	2
# of total fish caught jigging	0
# of total fish released	2
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.50"
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	11.50"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



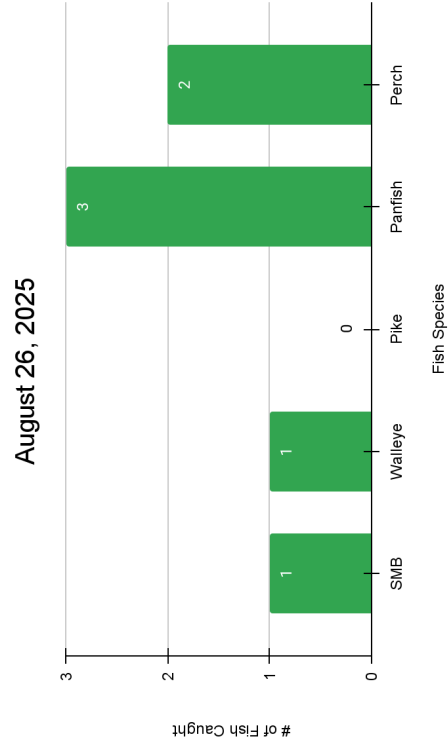
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 25, 2025
Day of the week	Monday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	8
# of fish caught per hour (average)	2.67
# of total fish caught casting	8
# of total fish caught jigging	0
# of total fish released	8
# of total fish kept	8
# of bass caught	4
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	15.57" (14.50-17.75")
# of walleye caught	4
Average size & range of walleye	16.25" (13.75-20.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 26, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	2.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	7
# of fish caught per hour (average)	2.89
# of total fish caught casting	7
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	7
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	16.00"
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	16.00"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	2
Average size & range of perch	11.25" (9.50-13.00")
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	3
Average size & range of panfish	6.67" (5.50-7.50")



2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	August 27, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	3.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	10
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.30
# of total fish caught casting	10
# of total fish caught jigging	0
# of total fish released	10
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	2
Average size & range of walleye	14.75" (14.50-15.00")
# of pike caught	1
Average size & range of pike	32.00"
# of perch caught	6
Average size & range of perch	9.88" (6.00-12.50")
# of panfish caught (incl. rock bass)	1
Average size & range of panfish	8.00"

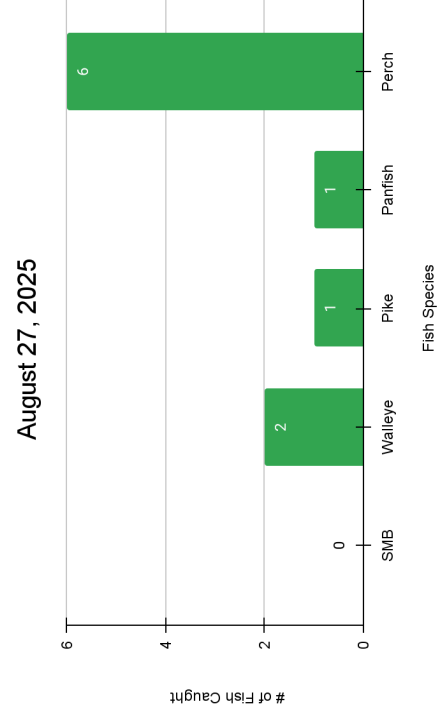
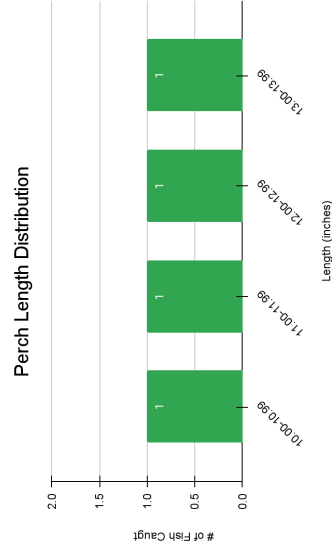
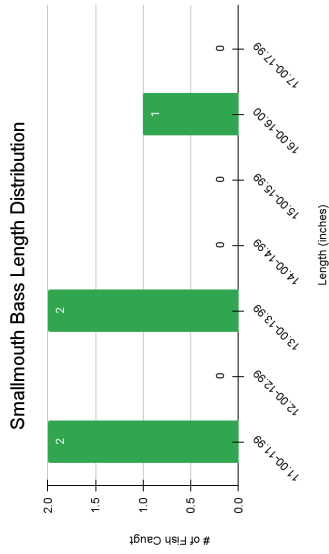
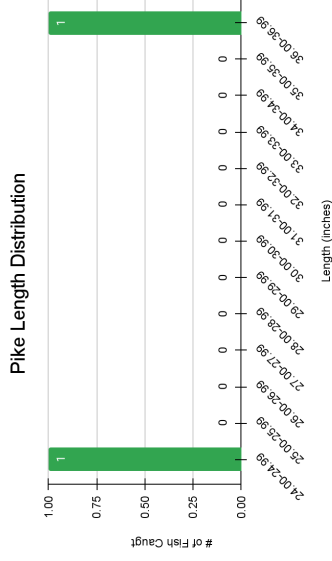
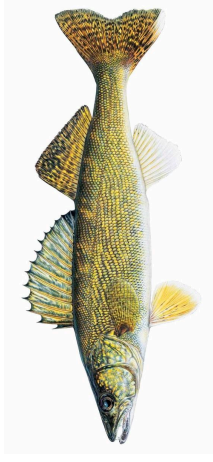
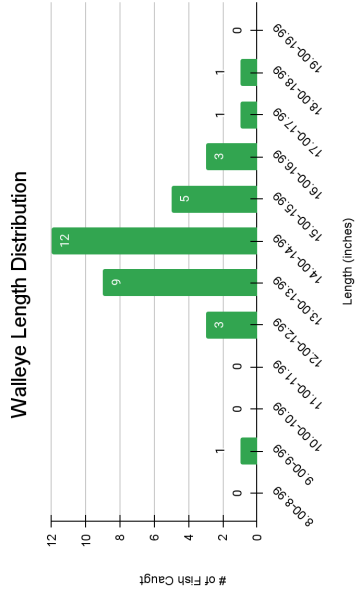
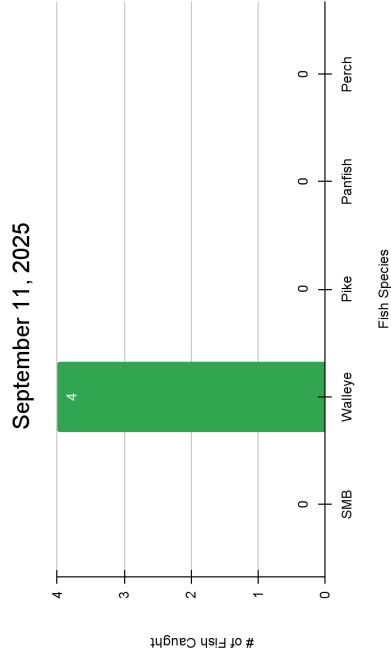


Figure 4. Length Distribution (inches) per Species - Fall 2025



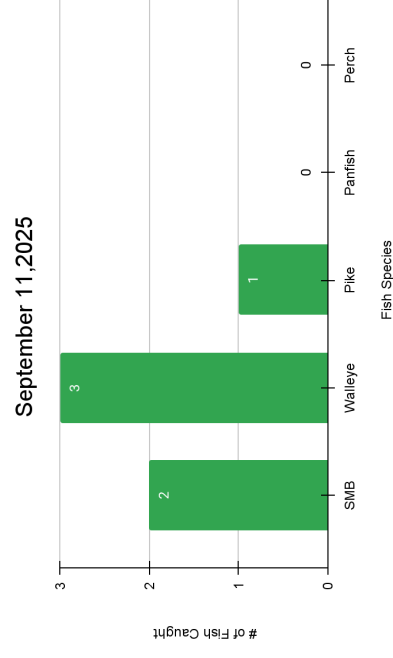
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	September 11, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	1.25
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	4
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.20
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	4
# of total fish released	4
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	4
Average size & range of walleye	11.13" (12.75-17.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



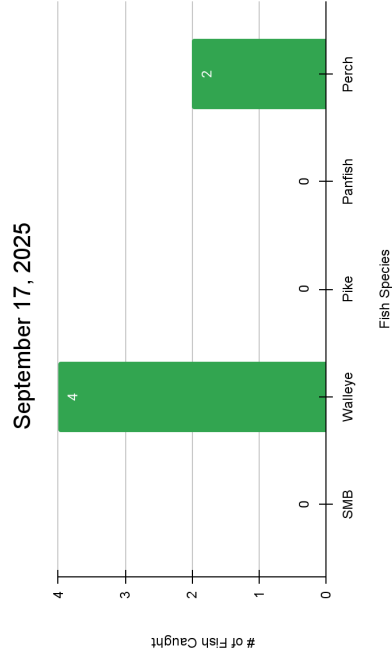
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	September 11, 2025
Day of the week	Thursday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.00
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	6
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	2
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	12.13" (11.25-13.00")
# of walleye caught	3
Average size & range of walleye	13.75" (13.25-14.50")
# of pike caught	1
Average size & range of pike	24.00"
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



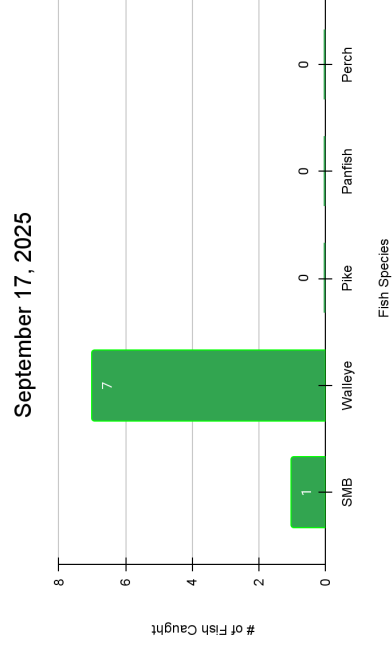
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	September 17, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	6
# of fish caught per hour (average)	3.00
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	6
# of total fish released	6
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	4
Average size & range of walleye	13.94" (9.75-18.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	2
Average size & range of perch	11.50" (10.00-13.00")
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



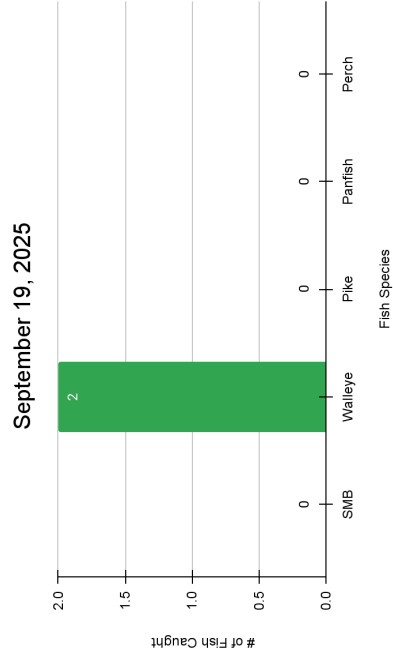
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	September 17, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	1.75
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	8
# of fish caught per hour (average)	4.57
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	8
# of total fish released	8
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	1
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.00"
# of walleye caught	7
Average size & range of walleye	14.13" (12.75-16.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



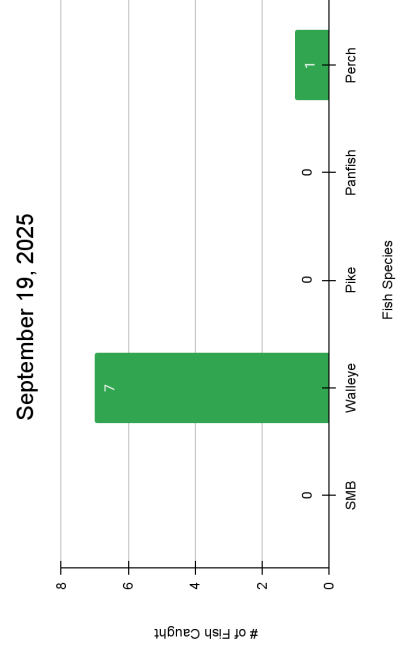
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	September 19, 2025
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	1.50
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	2
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.33
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	2
# of total fish released	2
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	2
Average size & range of walleye	14.00" (13.50-14.50")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



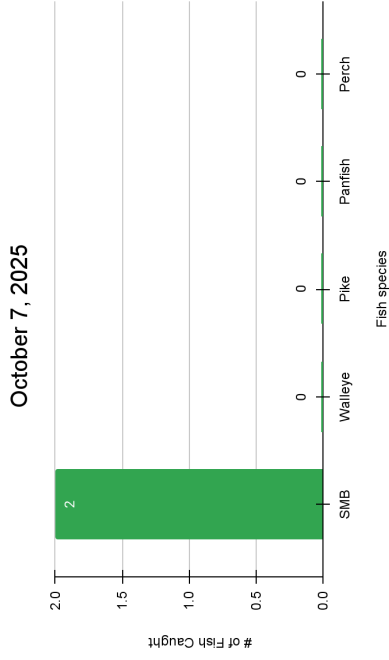
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	September 19, 2024
Day of the week	Friday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	8
# of fish caught per hour (average)	4.00
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	8
# of total fish released	8
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	7
Average size & range of walleye	13.79" (13.00-15.00")
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	10.50"
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



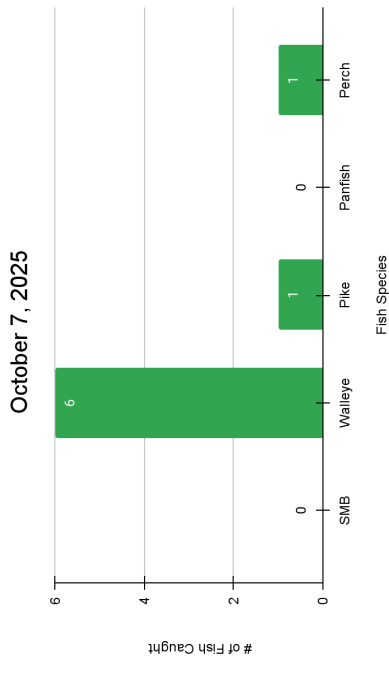
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	October 7, 2025
Day of the week	Wednesday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	2
# of fish caught per hour (average)	1.00
# of total fish caught casting	2
# of total fish caught trolling	0
# of total fish released	2
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	2
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	13.50" (11.00-16.00")
# of walleye caught	0
Average size & range of walleye	N/A
# of pike caught	0
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# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



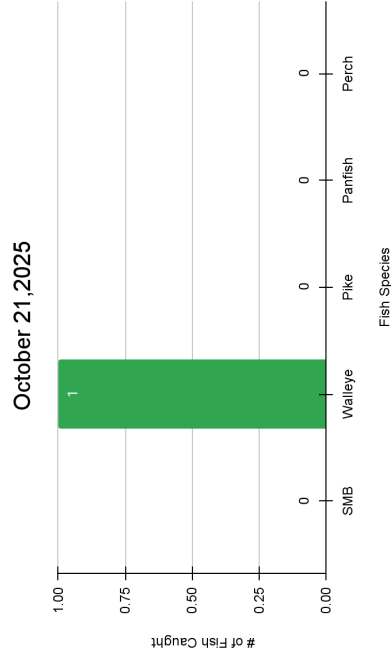
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	October 7, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	1.50
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	8
# of fish caught per hour (average)	5.33
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	8
# of total fish released	8
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	6
Average size & range of walleye	14.58" (13.00-16.00")
# of pike caught	1
Average size & range of pike	36.00"
# of perch caught	1
Average size & range of perch	13.00"
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



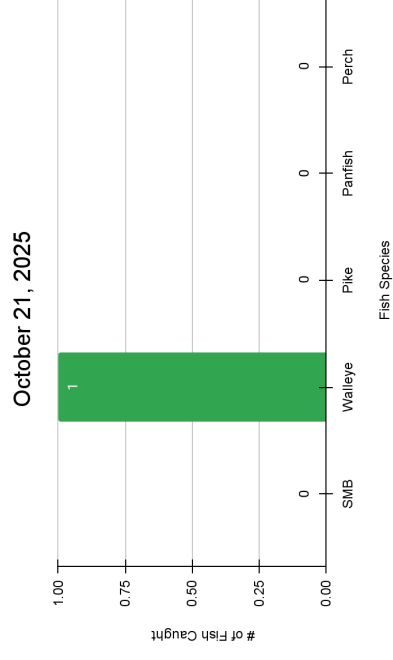
2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	October 21, 2025
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2.00
# of fishermen	3
# of total fish caught	1
# of fish caught per hour (average)	0.50
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	1
# of total fish released	1
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	14.75"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



2025 Great Sacandaga Lake Creel Survey

Date	October 21, 2024
Day of the week	Tuesday
# of total hours fishing	2
# of fishermen	4
# of total fish caught	1
# of fish caught per hour (average)	0.50
# of total fish caught casting	0
# of total fish caught trolling	1
# of total fish released	1
# of total fish kept	0
# of bass caught	0
Average size & range of smallmouth bass	N/A
# of walleye caught	1
Average size & range of walleye	14.50"
# of pike caught	0
Average size & range of pike	N/A
# of perch caught	0
Average size & range of perch	N/A
# of panfish caught	0
Average size & range of panfish	N/A



Glossary and Abbreviations:

NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

WDNR: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

GSL: Great Sacandaga Lake

GSLFF: Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation

GSLAC: Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council

Angling: The sport or pastime of fishing with a rod and line

Angler: A person who fishes with a rod and line

Census: An official count or survey of a population

Invertebrate: An animal lacking a backbone

Zooplankton: Plankton consisting of small animals and intermediate stages of larger animals

Summary of Intent:

The Broadalbin-Perth Science Research class has prepared this document in an effort to assist local agencies in collecting and analyzing fisheries data from the Great Sacandaga Lake. This survey can play an integral role in developing policies regarding recreational angling, as well as providing insight into the level of fishing activity or harvest patterns associated with the Great Sacandaga Lake. As noted previously, this document is a modified version of a complete creel survey, and such should be treated as a progress report only.

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WALLEYE TAGGING PROGRAM



SUMMARY:

Since 2023, the Broadalbin-Perth Science Research class has tagged 3,000 juvenile walleye in the Great Sacandaga Lake. Each hatchery-raised walleye has a pink, yellow, or blue "tattoo tag" behind its left eye. Using different colored dyes each year will help the researchers account for the walleye's age when fishermen catch them. This data will allow investigators to document how quickly or slowly the walleye are growing in the lake.

This study is in conjunction with the GSLFF stocking efforts to improve the lake's fishery.

ATTENTION FISHERMEN:

If you catch a walleye in the Great Sacandaga Lake and it has a pink, yellow, or blue tag behind the left eye:

1. Record the length of the fish
2. the date it was caught
3. The general location it was caught
4. Take a clear photo of the walleye and its eye tag

To submit this information & receive a \$25 gift certificate to local bait shops, scan the QR Code to complete the survey or contact Brian Henry at henryb@bpcsd.org



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